Episode #41: A Trial of Strength

Characters:

- Ash Ketchum
- May
- Max
- Dawn
- Ty Masterum
- Raye Rose
- Jonah
- Lillie
- Sakura
- Sarah
- Avery Meadows

Pokemon:

- Pikachu **(Ash's)**
- Blaziken **(May's)**
- Glaceon **(May's)**
- Manaphy **(May's)**
- Piplup **(Dawn's)**
- Quilava **(Dawn's)**
- Teddiursa **(Ty's)**
- Croconaw **(Ty's)**
- Gyarados **(Ty's)**
- Eevee **(Raye's)**
- Psyduck **(Raye's)**
- Plusle **(Raye's)**
- Rockruff **(Jonah's)**
- Squirtle **(Jonah's)**
- Minun **(Jonah's)**
- Vulpix **(Lillie's; Alolan form; Snowy)**
- Espeon **(Sakura's)**
- Litten **(Sarah's)**
- Girafarig **(Sarah's)**
- Pachirisu **(Avery's)**
- Wooper **(Avery's)**

Symposis:

Plot:

As they make their way closer to their destination to Mahogany Town, Ty becomes increasingly focused on preparing for his gym battle as he needs more strength to win his next badge, looking forward to decide for more serious training, Max wonders if this route is the track to reach their destination, Ash replies that this shortcut in on the right track to follow. After a long walk to the route, the gang were getting tired. Ty wanted to keep walking but the group says they're hungry to eat, choosing to stay for today. Ty decides to move forward, but his stomach growls as he accepts to continue to walk tomorrow to save his energy. Sakura finds a small lake to camp for today, they all agree. As the gang are setting up their camping gear and making lunch for everyone, Ty is practicing with Teddiursa for his upcoming battle by telling him to use Fury Swipes to the wood log, which successfully cuts in half and later uses Payback on the small rock, breaking in pieces, he was amazed at his partner skills while Ash called him for a meal. While the gang are eating their lunch, they asked to each other their plan for today, which Ty made an expression idea, by having a pokemon battle, asking Jonah and Sarah to battle with him, which helps to them build more experience, Raye persuaded to have a nice meal, but the two accept Ty's challenge for a two on one battle.

Ty along with Jonah and Sarah are prepared for their training battle as they are going through the process. Ty sends Teddiursa and Croconaw while Squirtle and Litten were sent out, commencing the battle right away. Jonah replies to

Squirtle to use Rapid Spin directly at Teddiursa, but manages to avoid his attack, countering with Payback. Meanwhile, Litten proceeds with Double Kick in order to strike, but fails it after dodging and strikes it with Fury Swipes, Max was amazed at Ty's focus, saying that his skills help him more. Meanwhile, Sarah replies to Litten to use Fire Fang instead, however, Teddiursa was able to dodge successfully by attacking with fury swipes again, Litten is able to regain it, resume the battle, Sarah impresses her cousin's battle, he was thankful until he replies Teddiursa to use Feint Attack, Litten avoids and attack him with Double Kick while Jonah orders Squirtle to use Water Gun, successfully hitting him. Luckily, Ty decided to let Teddiursa to take a break, sending out Croconaw. Jonah and Sarah return their Pokémon back to their pokeball, as they send out Minun and Girafarig.

Sakura tells them that they are making more advantage during their training battle, Raye says that training is turning in their favor. Jonah has Minun to use Quick Attack at Croconaw, which sidesteps to the other by avoiding it, and proceeds with Ice Fang, suddenly, Minun dodged it allowing Girafarig to strike with Stomp once again, the incredible battle makes everyone amazed with Lillie that they're more concentrating on their practice battle while Dawn replies that they command their pokemons with growing confidence and combinations. During the battle, Ty tells Croconaw to attack with a water gun, both Girafarig and Minun avoid the attack and counters with the combination of Tackle and Spark, making a critical attack. Ty doesn't back down as he proceeds to tell his partner to continue fighting by attacking with Ice Fang, Girafarig dodges on time as does the same attack again, however, Croconaw successfully dodges, proceeds to counter with Ice Fang, hitting Girafarig. Ash replies about the trio's calculated tactics and defensive counters, while May makes a statement with them using precise timing skill. As the training battle progresses, Ty begins to feel the physical strain of continuous battling, but he refuses to back down, the gang notices him, thinking he's feeling tired. Despite this, he returns Croconaw back, he sends out Gyarados as Minun and Girafarig are ready to battle while Jonah asks Ty if he's all right, which he says he's ready to go, Sarah grew worried.

As they continue to battle, Ty orders Gyarados to use Dragon Rage directly at them, causing Minun and Girafarig to dodge at this time, Minun proceeding with Spark, hitting Gyarados. Despite taking damage effectively, Minun was knocked out by Gyarados's Iron Tail, and fainted in battle. Returning his Minun back, Jonah sends Rockruff out, only for Ty to grow a bit more tired and exhausted, Avery asked Ty to stop the training, but refuses to listen as he continues to tell Gyarados to use Hydro Pump, they're opponents avoids it just as Rockruff attacks with Rock Throw while Girafarig used Stomp. Determined to prove his readiness, Ty tells Gyarados to use Aqua Tail, knocking both pokemons out. After the conclusion of the battle, Ty, completely worn out from the effort, collapses from exhaustion, looking heavily tired of his training. Concerned, Ash and the others rush to his side, making sure he is okay. At night, the gang were watching Ty who's still sleeping. Then, he regained consciousness, everyone was relieved of him, Ty asked about what happened, which Ash explains that he collapsed during the battle, which Ty remembers but he reassures everyone that he is fine.

He apologized to his friends, saying he wanted to acknowledge his training while he still has more to learn, Ash smiles as he tells that his training battle today was outstanding work. Dawn chooses to stay with Ty, watching him saying that she was worried about him, which Ty replies that she doesn't have to worry about, making her smile. By morning, Ty felt better and prepared to face the Mahogany Gym, Jonah tells to make sure he doesn't pass out again, they both smiled while Sarah was feeling happy at her cousin's training strategy, everyone was excited as they headed straight to their destination.

Major events:

Trivia: